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In re application of: Patton, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: NOVLP025

Application No.: 10/010,954

Examiner: William T. Leader

Filed: November 30, 2001

Group: 1742

Title: Improved Clamshell Apparatus with
Dynamic Uniformity Control

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

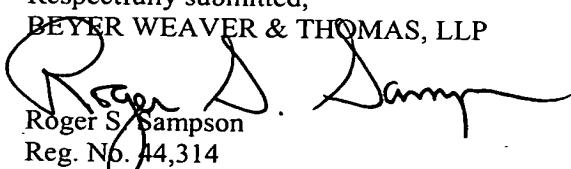
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	29	MINUS	62	0	x 9 =	x 18 = 0
Independent Claims	1	MINUS	3	0	x 43 =	x 86 = 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$145.00	\$290.00
				Total	\$	\$0

- Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP025).

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003 ("Office Action"), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

A Remarks/Arguments section begins on page 6 of this paper.